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MAMMOTH RECEPTION TO POTENTATE LOMBARD

ON Monday, May 15, 1944 there will be a mammoth Reception to our Illustrious Potentate Willard P. Lombard, in the Rockwood Auditorium, High School Building, Everett, at 8 P.M., given by all the Masonic bodies of the city including the Eastern Star, DeMolay and Rainbow. All Shriners with their ladies are cordially invited to attend.

Noble George E. Hunt, who is Chairman in charge of all arrangements for this Reception, is arranging for the Governor, the Mayor of Everett, City Government, School Committee, and other officials to be there.

A concert will be given by our own Aleppo Temple Band and Aleppo Male Choir. A most interesting evening is in prospect for all.

Tickets may be procured by applying to the Recorder's Office, 97 Huntington Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts. There will be no charge for members of the Shrine.



POTENTATE'S NIGHT AT NEW BEDFORD SHRINE CLUB

AT a special meeting of the officers of the Shrine Club of Southeastern Massachusetts, recently held at New Bedford, committees were formed and are now active in setting up the program for the annual Potentate's Night of the Club.

The date chosen for this function is Wednesday, May 10th, when Potentate Willard P. Lombard will be feted by the Club in the New Bedford Hotel. The Potentate will be accompanied by his Divan Officers, who will be given a reception at 7 P.M. in the hotel, to be followed by a dinner and entertainment. The committee in charge of the entertainment are now busy and every effort will be made to make this part of the evening an interesting one for all Nobles in attendance.

Pres. William Stitt, of the New Bedford Shrine Club, advises that reservations for

dinner must be made in advance and tickets, which are \$2.50 each and which include the entire evening's function may be procured from any of the following Nobles: William Stitt Tel., New Bedford 2-1545 William Kenworthy New Bedford 3-0628 William Beserosky New Bedford 5-7835 Care of Standard Elec. Co.

The New Bedford Shrine Club is inviting as their guests for the evening, all Knight Templars and thirty-second degree Masons in their jurisdiction.



SHRINE GAINS 25,354 MEMBERS IN 1943

THE recently compiled figures of the 159 Shrine Temples in North America showed the substantial gain of 25,354 members in 1943.

With its first membership gain in nineteen years the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine has started to climb the ladder to reach the peak membership of the Order of over 587,000 which the organization enjoyed before the depression years. This recent gain was very heartening to the officials of Shrinedom; due to the fact that there has been a net loss each year for the past nineteen years. Backed up by the present interest in fraternal organizations, especially the Mystic Shrine, some students of fraternalism believe that in a very few years the Mystic Shrine will have a national membership which will break all previous records.

THE BIG TEN TEMPLES OF SHRINEDOM

1. Syria	Pittsburgh	12,545
2. Medinah	Chicago	11,064
3. Al Malaikah	Los Angeles	10,611
4. ALEPPO	BOSTON	9,411
5. Lu Lu	Philadelphia	8,232
6. Murat	Indianapolis	6,394
7. Islam	San Francisco	6,296
8. Al Koran	Cleveland	6,021
9. Moslem	Detroit	5,282
10. Aladdin	Columbus	5,205

NOBLE MCCOY MADE MANAGER OF BOSTON STORE

A WELL deserved appointment came to one of Aleppo's members recently when Noble J. Arthur McCoy was made store manager of the Otis Clapp Drug store, located at 8A Beacon Street, Boston.

Noble McCoy, who has been in the employ of the company for nearly two years, has an academic degree from Harvard College. He graduated as a Doctor of Pharmacy from the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy where he took a postgraduate course and later studied advance chemistry at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

The Otis Clapp Drug Company is known as one of the few remaining "Old Yankee Institutions" and is now being operated by the third generation of the Clapp family. The company, which has existed for 104 years as Manufacturing Pharmacists, has three stores, two of which are located in Boston and one in Providence. They enjoy the distinction of being among the few remaining old-time drug stores. A large part of the business is the manufacturing and national distribution of their fine toilet preparations and medicines.

Noble McCoy, who has been a member of Aleppo for many years, is Hospital Sergeant of the Aleppo Arab Patrol and contributes to the columns of the ALEPPO MONTHLY NEWS through the "Patrol Patter," which he writes each month.

DATES OF CEREMONIALS OF NEIGHBORING TEMPLES

Tuesday, April 18 — Kora Temple, Lewiston, Maine.

Friday, May 19 — Cairo Temple, Rutland, Vt.

Tuesday, May 23 — Luxor Temple, St. John, N.B.

COMING EVENTS IN ALEPPO TEMPLE

Tuesday, April 25 — Shrine Luncheon, Copley Plaza Hotel

Friday, April 28 — Potentate's Ball and Ladies' Bridge Party, Copley Plaza Hotel

Friday, May 5 — SPECIAL WORCESTER CEREMONIAL, Worcester Auditorium

Wednesday, May 10 — Potentate's Night at New Bedford Shrine Club

Monday, May 15 — Mammoth Reception to Potentate Willard P. Lombard, at Everett, Mass.

Tuesday, May 23 — Shrine Luncheon, Copley Plaza Hotel

Saturday, June 3 — Visitation of Imperial Potentate, Morley E. MacKenzie. Ceremonial in full form

SPECIAL WORCESTER CEREMONIAL

OF ALEPPO TEMPLE—IN FULL FORM

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FRIDAY, MAY 5, 1944

BUSINESS MEETING—HOT SANDS INITIATION—BIG VAUDEVILLE SHOW

A complete Ceremonial of Aleppo in full form will be held in the Worcester Auditorium May 5, in which the Aleppo Temple Officers, Band, Arab Patrol, Degree Staff, Ritualistic Degree Team, Mounted Patrol and Aleppo Choir will participate.

PROGRAM

Business Meeting and Balloting on Candidates	4.45 P.M.
Continuous Buffet Dinner	5.00 to 7.00 P.M.
Ritualistic Degree Team. Ritual Work	7.00 to 8.00 P.M.
Evening Parade and Review by Band and Patrol	8.00 to 8.30 P.M.
Second Section Work by Degree Staff	8.30 to 9.00 P.M.
Big Vaudeville Show	9.00 to 10.00 P.M.

The Worcester Nobles, led by Pres. Ayton Smith, of the Worcester Shrine Club, have set as their goal 50 Candidates from Worcester County to cross the **Hot Sands** at this special Ceremonial. A \$25.00 diamond Shrine pin has been donated to be presented to the Noble signing the top line of the largest number of applications for this meeting.

Last train to Boston leaves Worcester at 10.32 P.M.

Candidates will report at Stage door entrance to Worcester Auditorium at 4.15 P.M.

Your 1944 Shrine card is necessary to participate in these ceremonies.

COME ON WORCESTER COUNTY NOBLES, LET'S GO!

Walter W. Morrison
Recorder

Willard P. Lombard
Illustrious Potentate

NOTES OF NOBLES

THE Aleppo Temple Degree Staff, under Director Watson, recently came to the front and answered an emergency call from Pyramid Temple for stunts for their Ceremonial. Pyramid Temple had a fire causing a \$40,000 loss which included their paraphernalia. Just another instance of Shrine co-operation and hands across the border.

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Many of our Nobles who have visited St. Petersburg, Florida, in past years have visited the world's largest miniature circus. This celebrated show is owned by one of Aleppo's Nobles, Col. Walter H. Woods, who for many years was circulation manager of the Boston *Herald*. Noble Woods was well known on Beacon Hill in the years he was on the staff of Governor Bates of Massachusetts. At the present time Colonel Woods is ill in the hospital in Tampa, Florida and would appreciate hearing from any of his friends in Boston.

One of the candidates with the large class of Novices at our April 5th Ceremonial had the unique distinction of being vouched for by an Aleppo Noble who is now in the armed forces overseas.

Noble Meyer Weker, who is a Lieutenant in a Military Police Battalion, signed the application of Brother David Meringer before he entered the service many months ago. Lieutenant Weker will be glad to know that his friend is now a Noble of Aleppo.

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The Nobles of Aleppo are to be honored with an official visitation by Imperial Potentate Morley E. MacKenzie, of Toronto. In his swing around the eastern circuit the Imperial Potentate will arrive in Boston, Saturday, June 3rd. Potentate Lombard designated the day, "Shrine Day in Boston," with a full form Ceremonial to greet our Imperial Potentate. Details will be found in the next issue of the ALEPPO MONTHLY NEWS.

Another one of Aleppo's Uniformed Units has joined the Hospital Fund. A check for \$60.00 was received from the 1st Platoon of the Arab Patrol, which the boys gave toward a membership in the Crippled Children's Hospital Endowment Fund.

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In roaming around the waterfront we picked up a little news with reference to one of Aleppo's Nobles: Noble Frederick W. Fair. Like many other Shriners, Noble Fair joined the United States Coast Guard Reserve and has been a regular member of the USCG Auxiliary since Pearl Harbor. He is a Chief Boatswain's Mate and has seen 3,000 hours of active duty. When the USCG asked for small boats for inshore patrol work Noble Fred loaned his cabin cruiser to the USCG for the duration.

Not content with this he donated his summer home, located on one of the highest points of land overlooking Rangely Lakes in Maine to the U. S. Army Air Force for an observation post.

NOBLE ALDRICH APPOINTED MARSHAL EMERITUS

IN honor of his many years of faithful service to the Temple in the office of Marshal, Noble William L. Aldrich has been appointed to Marshal Emeritus according to an announcement by Potentate Lombard.

Noble Aldrich, who joined Aleppo Temple, May 5, 1904, recently asked to be retired from the office of Marshal due to his health, which would not allow him to take part in the active floor work of the Temple. In accepting his resignation, the Potentate paid high tribute to him for his many years of work as an officer of Aleppo and commented on the fact that he could always be depended upon to render outstanding service in the ritualistic work of the organization.

Noble Aldrich received his early dramatic training and acting ability from his father, Louis Aldrich, who was one of the most noted actors of his day. Mr. Louis Aldrich, whose greatest success was in the play "My Partner," in which he starred for many years, was well known on the stage in the days of Booth, Barrett and Modjeska. Noble Aldrich inherited some



NOBLE WILLIAM L. ALDRICH

of his father's talent and used it to good advantage in his ritualistic work in many Masonic organizations.

As a youngster, Noble Aldrich lived in Paris for four years while his father was playing in the theatres of Europe. He recalls seeing the Eiffel Tower being erected in 1888 in the Champ de Mars for the exposition of 1889 and won a medal for Roller Skating in the big rink located on the first floor of the Tower. His four years of schooling in Paris made him a fluent speaker of the French language and he remembers acting as interpreter for Buffalo Bill and his Company when they were in Paris.

Upon returning to this country he finished his schooling in Boston and graduated from English High School in the same class with Colonel Sullivan, the present Police Commissioner of the Boston Police Department, nearly fifty years ago. While attending high school he was highly honored by being selected as the best orator in the Boston schools and was chosen to recite the Declaration of Independence from the stage of The Boston Theatre on July 4, 1895, which was an annual ceremony.

In his younger days he played many parts in his fathers Companies as well as Stock and Traveling Companies. Through his acting ability he has added much to the ritualistic work and ceremonies of the

masonic lodges in which he holds membership, including Bethesda Lodge of Brighton, Beth Horen Lodge of Brookline, St. Andrews Chapter, Boston Council, the Scottish Rite Bodies, Massachusetts Consistory, and Boston Commandery, all of Boston. He is a Past Monarch of Omar Grotto and a Past Patron of the Eastern Star of Brookline. He is a Staff Officer of the Aleppo Arab Patrol of which he has been a member for 30 years, serving for 20 years as Sergeant Major and for 5 years as Personnel Adjutant.

Noble Aldrich, who resides at 41 Kenwood Street, Brookline, has been a philatelist for many years and is considered one of the most prominent auctioneers of stamps and stamp collections in this part of the country. He has auctioned stamp collections with values as high as \$40,000, and recalls selling one stamp for \$2,000. He supplies stamps of all kinds for collectors and through his knowledge gained from years of experience he has assisted in building many noted stamp collections.

Noble "Bill" Aldrich, as he is known by a multitude of friends, is truly a "Prince of Good Fellows," and Aleppo wishes him improved health, that he may continue to spread the sunshine of the Shrine for many years to come.

Noble Aldrich is succeeded in the Office of Marshal by one of his close friends, Noble Walter W. Benson, who as Assistant Marshal has been doing the work of Marshal in the Temple for several years.



COMMANDER HASTINGS DIES WHILE ON NAVAL DUTY

THE third gold star has been placed on Aleppo's service flag in honor of Com. Warren R. Hastings, of Malden. Commander Hastings, who was the son of ex-mayor William A. Hastings, of Malden, passed away "somewhere at sea" according to a telegram received by the father, who is also a Noble of Aleppo. The telegram further stated that death was from "natural causes while on duty" and burial was at sea. Services on land are to be conducted after the war.

The news came as a distinct surprise to the father, who had not known of his son's illness. Noble Hastings recently received word from his son when his boat put in at an East Coast port, and he had planned to visit his father in Malden, but had an opportunity to go to Los Angeles by airplane to see his wife and two daughters.

Commander Hastings, who was executive officer on a ship whose name cannot be revealed, had completed 28 years service in the U. S. Navy at the time of his death, and had made plans to retire after 30 years' service. He served on the *U.S.S. Bernadou* during World War I and made several trans-Atlantic crossings. Following the war he was engaged in mine-sweeping work in the Atlantic and was later sent to the Submarine School at New London.

Memorial services were recently held for the Commander in Mt. Vernon Lodge of Malden, where he was made a Master Mason. He also held membership in Beauseant Commandery of Knights Templars, in addition to being a Noble of Aleppo.



By VAIL K. HAAK
Associate Editor

IF I was to write a headline for this column this month it would be "Harold Chase does it again." Yes, Harold not only is King roller of the league for the year with the average of 103 but he has also broken the high 3 individual with 379 and high single with 147 . . . but with only one prize to a customer Doc Howland's 143 and Vail Haak's 348 will allow them to be declared the winner in their respective departments.

As I predicted Jerry Jones team composed of J. C. Juthe, Larry Bearse and Bob Hancock walked away with the championship of the league. The second team captained by Sid Abbot and composed of Ernie Woodman, Art Hoyt and Bill Worthington had a narrow squeak just edging Perce Davis' team by 1 point.

At this writing our next competition is the 10-string roll-off for the Potentates Trophy and The Aleppo News Trophy, result of which will appear next month in this column.

Continuing the thumbnail report on our members. I neglected to mention last month in the officers, because he has not bowled this year but has put in his appearance as score keeper, Frank Savage, custodian of our funds, who also holds out as manager of the Ambassador Restaurant one of the Subsidiaries of our Past Potentate Jim Curry, of the Waldorf. As they dropped a punctuation mark they made K. A. Juthe Vice-President of the American Electric Furnace instead of President. Kristian is Vice-President of our outfit. Arthur Hoyt is deputy comptroller of the Commonwealth, Mitch Hambro principal clerk division of inspection for the Commonwealth, Herbert Dyer retired after 43 years with the Boston Consolidated Gas Co., Robert Hancock engineering department of the telephone company. Frank Kittredge Navy Inspector, William Richards purchasing agent for The Sexton Can Co. Bill Worthington wool broker for a little over fifty years. Continued next month.

Aleppo Temple Team knocked over the last night in the Amateur Boston Pin League by Oxford Club of Lynn, who proceeded to break a few records. Boston City Club and University Club incidentally winding up in a tie for first place. The roll-off was an easy win for the City Club bowled on neutral alleys at Cottage Park Yacht Club. Score: City Club 4, University Club 0.

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A SPECIAL Shrine Ceremonial of Aleppo Temple in full form is to be held in the Worcester Auditorium in Lincoln Square, Worcester, Friday, May 5th. This Ceremonial will be complete in every detail with the Divan Officers, Shrine Band, Aleppo Patrol, Degree Staff Ritualistic Degree Team, Mounted Patrol and Aleppo Choir participating.

This Ceremonial in Worcester was conceived by Pres. Ayton Smith and the officers of the Worcester County Shrine Club.



NOBLE AYTON SMITH
President, Worcester Shrine Club. Smiling "8" receiving the first application for the Special Worcester Ceremonial. He wants 49 more.

The Worcester Club, which is under the jurisdiction of Aleppo Temple, has been very active for many years, having in its membership over two hundred Aleppo Nobles residing in Worcester County.

These Nobles have formed a Committee who have set as their goal fifty candidates from Worcester County to cross the "hot sands" in the Worcester Municipal Auditorium. So great is the interest among Shriners in Worcester that one Noble has donated a \$25.00 diamond Shrine pin to be presented to the Noble signing the top line of the largest number of applications for this special meeting.

Potentate Lombard of Aleppo has assured the Worcester Nobles that this Ceremonial will be complete in every detail including a buffet dinner, the second section work by our Degree Staff and closing with a big vaudeville show.

All Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, whether members of Aleppo or other Temples, are invited to witness this Special Ceremonial on Friday, May 5th, in the Worcester Auditorium, Worcester, Mass., which promises to be a red letter day for the red fezzed Nobles of that city.

**GRACIE FIELDS ENTERTAINS
AT SHRINE LUNCHEON**

ONE of the most interesting and entertaining Shrine luncheons ever to be held by Aleppo was attended by 310 Nobles and friends at the Copley Plaza Hotel Tuesday, March 28th, at which time Com. George P. Lord, USNR, gave an interesting address on "The Navy."

Commander Lord has an extraordinary knowledge of Boston's strategic Port, told the Nobles of the important part the Port of Boston is playing in the present war. He also warned the members of the necessity of the public keeping "mum" on any information they might have with reference to the movement of troops, equipment, names of boats or any other information which might be heard by enemy ears, which are always listening. He said it is no secret that of all of the convoys to leave the Boston port during this war, not a single ship has been lost; due in a large part to the efficiency and skillful protective powers of the U. S. Navy.

Upon the conclusion of his address Commander Lord, who is a Knight Templar belonging to Winslow Lewis Commandery of Salem, presented Potentate Lombard his petition for initiation and membership in Aleppo Temple for the April 5th Ceremonial.

During the luncheon the internationally known English actress, Gracie Fields, dropped in to say "Hello" to the Shriners of Boston and received a great ovation from those present. Miss Fields very graciously responded in her own inimitable manner and brought great applause when she sang one of her captivating numbers which have made her so famous.

Another surprise was forthcoming when Potentate Lombard introduced the well-known heavyweight fighter, "Two Ton Tony" Galento, who was attending the luncheon as the guest of Noble Paul F. Bowser. Two Ton Tony kept the Nobles in roaring laughter with his many wisecracks and antics which have made him so popular. He said he still believed he could beat the Champion, Joe Louis, and was willing to prove it by offering to give his entire receipts for a return bout to the Army and Navy Relief Fund.

Noble Bowser also had as his guests two former Championship Wrestlers, Marvin Westenberg and Leo Numa, both of whom had been raised to the third degree in Masonry the previous night by an Aleppo group. These three-hundred-pound athletes surprised the Nobles by playing the mandolin and guitar and singing "Hill-Billy" songs.

Among the officers and guests seated at the head table was Capt. Milton Levenson, a Noble of Aleppo. Noble Levenson recently returned from North Africa where

he was instrumental in organizing a Shrine club for the men in the Armed Forces.

At the completion of the serving of the special menu, which included half a broiled chicken, thirty waiters entered the dining room each carrying a birthday cake bearing the initials "H. B. L." Potentate Lombard then presented the Assistant Recorder, Harvey B. Leggee, on whose birthday the luncheon was being held. Potentate Lombard said that Noble Leggee had acted as Secretary-Treasurer of the Shrine luncheons since their inception in 1931 and had served in this capacity in every one of the 101 luncheons held in the past 13 years. He also reviewed briefly the many other activities supervised and operated by our genial Harvey Leggee and which contribute so much to the success of Aleppo and have made it one of the foremost Temples in Shrinedom.

The Potentate received many compliments on the special luncheon which included so many innovations and surprises. They are apt to occur on these occasions in the future without advance notice.

The next luncheon will be held in the Copley Plaza Hotel on Tuesday, May 23rd, at 12.30 P.M., at which time the Nobility are assured of another outstanding luncheon.

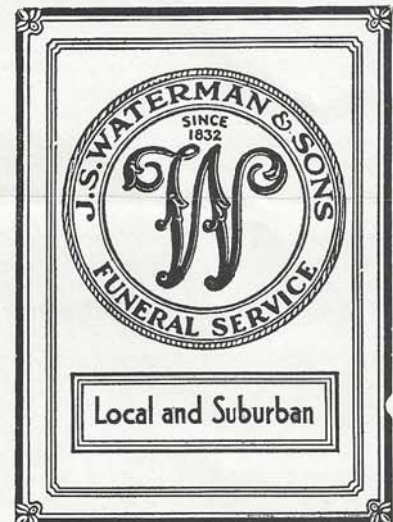
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By J. ARTHUR McCoy
Associate Editor

WITH the usual activities of the patrol restricted by wartime conditions and with every member engaged in some kind of war effort, still the esprit de corps is at a new high—ten new members have enrolled and five former members have rejoined the patrol.

One of the plans that Major Vaughan has in mind is to adorn the walls of the patrol room with pictures taken on trips we have made in the past. Many have such pictures that recall scenes and occasions in which we partook in places all over the country and in Canada. It is hoped that these pictures can be grouped and suitably framed for a permanent display. In each case the donor's name will be noted. So it is up to you fellows to look over your mementos and bring in those that will give pleasure to the many who can view them at headquarters. Russ Lynn is chairman of the committee preparing this collection—notify him and he will make arrangements for utilizing the pictures to the best advantage.

One of the novices at the April ceremonial was Capt. Irwin Buchsbaum, 2 M.C., son of our Louis Buchsbaum. Louis is Tyler and a trustee of the Permanent Fund of the Military Lodge, Major General Henry Knox Lodge.

Jim Babcock, the newly appointed Sergeant Major has been a member of the fourth platoon since 1923.

James Drolet of the first platoon and hailing from Lynn goes to join the fighting forces this month.

Joseph Aveni has received a disability discharge from the Navy and is now at the West Roxbury Veterans' Hospital.

Herb Chantler, Wesley Collins, Herman McStay, and Bill Shannon have rejoined the patrol after several years absence.

A dollar a cup for coffee is not too much if it goes to the Red Cross, so many people paid that price, when the Pilgrim Restaurant contributed its total receipts one day to the Red Cross War Fund. But, also, it was Arabian coffee and donated by our John Stratis, an official of the Arabian Coffee Co.

We welcome seven new members to the patrol this month: Alonzo B. Reed is an engineer, lives in Arlington, and is a member of St. John's Lodge, St. Andrew's Chapter and Mass. Consistory. He saw service in 1917 and 1918; F. Scott Carpenter is a factory manager, living in Watertown, is a member of St. Bernard Lodge, Watertown Chapter, and Gethsemane Commandery. He served in the Navy from 1917 to 1919; Arthur Fraser lives in Concord, maintains kennels, is a member of Corinthian Lodge and Sir Galahad Commandery and one time served in the British Navy; Thomas Ouzts is a supervisor at the Gillette Safety

Razor Co., and lives in Dorchester. He is a member of Lafayette Lodge, Dorchester Chapter and St. Omer Commandery, and served in the Navy eight years; Robert D. Wynn is a linotype operator and lives in West Roxbury. He is a member of Samuel Crocker Lodge and Mass. Consistory and served in the Navy in World War I; John Campbell is a member of Damascus Lodge and Mass. Consistory.

I want to add my voice to that of Gardiner Wilson's and the many others who urge that we write more letters to the men in the service. If every member of the patrol would write a letter once a month to one of our members in the Service it would be a grand thing to do. Let's do it! It was my intention to publish their addresses in this issue, but on second thought, it would not be proper to do so. I will furnish these addresses on drill nights to all of you who will undertake to write to the boys.

HONOR ROLL

Patrol members in the Armed Services:

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By NOBLE CHARLES C. FEARING
Associate Editor

"WALKING IN THE WINTER WONDER LAND"

THIS Irving Berlin classic would have been very appropriate on March 20th when we had an honest-to-goodness snow storm. We believe seven sturdy Nobles braved the elements on that night to attend rehearsal. We are not informed whether or not they warbled that refrain about a "winter wonder land," but perhaps they did wonder whether they would land home safely. However, they are to be commended for their courage and devotion to duty. We will have to admit we had cold feet on that occasion.

Our Potentate, accompanied by Noble Russell Lynn, 2nd Ceremonial Master, paid the band a surprise visit in March and was heartily welcomed. He reiterated his purpose to do all in his power to help the band, and hinted that occasionally on rehearsal nights the band would be "called from labor to refreshments," but such affairs would not be broadcast beforehand. So it behooves the members to attend regularly or they may miss a good time.

The facilities for properly taking care of the uniforms and equipment have been sadly lacking for some time. We never could understand what benefit was derived by disposing of the steel lockers we used to have, even though the sale price may have been attractive. They were just the thing for the boys to keep their "civies" in when they changed into uniforms, or to keep the uniforms hung up and in good condition when not in use, instead of being packed in suit cases. We hear that this is to be taken care of and some sort of lockers installed in the near future.

Noble "Bill" Bucknam suggested to the Potentate that we should have racks to hold our suit cases where they could be stored according to numbers and save a guy the time and trouble of overhauling the whole darned pile of cases in order to find his own. Bill drew a plan for this purpose, which we understand met with the approval of the Potentate.

Then there is to be a cabinet made to hold our sheet music folios, which will not only keep the scores from being lost or torn but will enable each section to find their folios quickly. In the past they have been scattered all over the place (including the floor). So it looks as though the band was to be recognized as worthy of consideration. That being the case, it is up to each and every one of us to show our appreciation of our Potentate's interest in the band by giving all the time and effort we possibly can to make the band functions a success.

With the April 5th ceremonial over the activities in the offing at present are: Boston Commandery Ascension services on May 21st; and possibly some sort of a shindig in Everett on May 15th, details at present lacking.

There were about 125 candidates at the April 5th Ceremonial, and it would seem as though there might be a few potential recruits for the band. As stated before, we need some new blood, because a lot of us are not getting any younger fast.

A good minister friend of ours in New York wrote us recently and quoted this gem from a write-up of a school play, by a young reporter: "The hall was filled with expectant mothers, eagerly awaiting the arrival of their off-spring."

While we are not an "expectant mother," we are "expectant" that the band will respond enthusiastically in backing up Potentate Lombard's efforts in our behalf and justify his confidence in us. Come on boys, let's go!



CAPTAIN CROSBY DIES IN SERVICE

WORD was recently received that Capt. Frank K. Crosby, a member of Aleppo, died in the service of his country aboard his ship in the Pacific.

At the time of his death, March 8, 1944, he was Captain in the Army Transport Service on the S.S. Yarmouth, of the Eastern Steamship Lines, whose boats were taken over by the U. S. Army. Captain Crosby has been with the Eastern Steamship Co. since 1912, coming to this Company from the Dominion Atlantic Railway Co., owners and operators of the famous "Prince" Steamers, when they were taken over by the Eastern Steamship Lines in 1912.

Captain Crosby, who was in the U. S. Navy in World War I, was recently chosen to evacuate American citizens from France on the U.S.S. St. John just prior to the United States entering the present war.

He is survived by a wife and two daughters, who make their residence in Pembroke, Mass. Captain Crosby was buried in Honolulu.

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A COMMITTEE of Degree Staff members headed by Director Frank Watson together with Nobles Hambro, Priest and Zepp scouted Loyalty Lodge of Jamaica Plain and report that two very definite prospects for the Shrine were raised, namely; our wrestling friends, Marvin Westenberg and Leo Numa. We can definitely guarantee to show these gentlemen new holds at our Ceremonial in the near future.

Grant Chandler, we are happy to report, has recovered from his recent illness and is back as a regular attendant at our weekly meetings.

George Lewis will return from Florida on the nineteenth day of April, 1944, but the date of Sam Cohen's return has, as yet, been unannounced.

True to Navy tradition, Commander Lord, who was a candidate at the April 5th ceremonial offered to take the work and was accepted.



CONFLICTING DATES

THE Wednesday, April 5th ceremonial, which was one of the largest in years, came on the night of the inspection of a local Commandery of Knights Templars as well as the meeting night of a local Blue Lodge, which the officers of Aleppo sincerely regret.

The dates of functions of an organization the size of Aleppo Temple are governed by many subsidiary facts. The meetings of the past five years have been held every day of the week except Sunday. Many Aleppo dates have been selected in the fifth week of the month whenever possible, to prevent such a confliction.

However, the officers of Aleppo assure the Nobles that future dates will be selected with the usual care and consideration of all Masonic bodies, to alleviate the situation as much as possible.

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